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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

**In the specification**

On page 1, between lines 4 and 5, please insert the following new heading --CROSS  
REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS--.

On page 1, between lines 4 and 5 and after the above heading, please insert the following new paragraph:

-- This application claims priority to International Application No.: PCT/DE00/04089 which was published May 31, 2001. This application further claims priority to German patent application 19955747.0 filed 19 November 1999.--

On page 1, between lines 5 and 6, after the above insert, please insert the following heading --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 11, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--A device of this type is known for example from EP 0 666 624 B1 or from the Journal of Crystal Growth 189/190 (1998) pages 786-789.--